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| Timeliness and Initiative | Responds to postings as soon as they are available. | Responds to postings within the week they are available | Responds to postings within 24 hours of due date. | Responds postings several days after initial discussion. | Responds to posting weeks after due date. | Never responds to postings. |
| Conventions (Spelling and Grammar) | Uses correct grammar and rarely misspells.  Avoids slang. | Few grammatical or spelling errors are noticeable.  Attempts to avoid slang. | Several errors in spelling and grammar.  Occasionally uses slang. | Grammar and spelling errors confuse meaning.  Frequently uses slang. | Poor spelling and grammar. Post appears “hasty.”  Doesn’t stray from slang. | Lack of posting. |
| Connection | Topic is related to discussion question and provides new insight to topic. | Usually, topic is related to discussion and content; prompts further discussion of topic. | Post does not offer deeper insight to topic. “Robot Talk” | Does not express opinions clearly. | Posting does not relate to the discussion question. | Lack of posting. |
| Focus | Thoroughly uses ACE strategy.  Opinions are expressed clearly. | Missing/misuses one element of ACE strategy. | Missing /misuses two elements of ACE strategy | Makes short or irrelevant remarks | Lack of posting. | Lack of posting. |
| Contribution to the Learning Community | Frequently attempts to motivate group discussion.  Presents creative approaches to the topic. | Attempts to direct the discussion to present and relevant viewpoints. | Makes effort to become involved in discussion as a group member | Doesn’t attempt to connect to learning community. | Negative towards discussion topic without intellectual purpose.  Lack of respect to others and towards self. | Lack of posting. |